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**REMARKS**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-15 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

The Examiner states:

"2. Claims 1-5 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. There is no explanation in the specification nor the disclosure supports for the added limitation "a closed opposing end".

This is not correct. The Applicant believes that anyone, especially a person having ordinary skill in the art, would, from the drawings in the application alone, know that the sheath has an open end and an opposing closed end. This is clearly shown in the drawings. The Examiner cannot ignore the drawings when making a §112, first paragraph rejection. The entire application must be considered.

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The Applicant believes that all of the claims are in condition for allowance,  
and early notification of the same would be much appreciated.

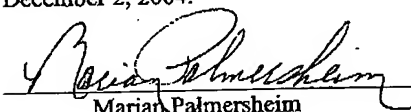
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